

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method for providing complementary information for a video program, comprising:

receiving complementary information for a video program;

receiving a query from a consumer, the query related to a specified portion of the complementary information; and

providing a query response to the consumer based on the specified portion of the complementary information; and

upon receiving the query reference making reference to a user interface including a module in which user profile tables and profile data matching tables are included and a complementary information module with a memory in which user data tables and complementary information is stored; and

wherein in preparing the response to the query the complementary information module predicts the information that is required and accesses the user data tables for consumer specific data and personalizes the query response based on the consumer specific data.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising: determining whether a predetermined amount of time has passed since the complementary information was updated in the video program; and retrieving updated information from at least one external data source when the predetermined amount of time has passed since the complementary information was updated.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 1, receiving complementary information comprising receiving complementary information directly from the video program.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising anticipating the specified portion of the complementary information and storing the anticipated information.

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

Claim 6 (Currently amended): The method of claim [[5]], the consumer-specific data comprising data identifying video programs previously viewed by the consumer.

Claim 7 (Original): The method of claim 6, further comprising automatically storing the consumer-specific data identifying video programs previously viewed by the consumer when the video programs are viewed by the consumer.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 6, further comprising storing the consumer-specific data identifying video programs previously viewed by the consumer based on manual input by the consumer.

Claim 9 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising extracting complementary information from the video program using automatic person identification.

Claim 10 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a request that the complementary information be sent to a secondary screen.

Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 1, visual elements of the query response configurable by the consumer.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving from the consumer an identification of complementary information as delayed complementary information and providing the delayed complementary information to the consumer at a later time.

Claim 13 (Original): The method of claim 1, the query comprising one of a who query, a what query, a where query, a when query, a why query and a how much query.

Claim 14 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a visual indicator to notify the consumer that complementary information is available upon request.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying the complementary information on a secondary screen synchronously with the video program.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): A system for providing complementary information for a video program, comprising:

a complimentary information module including a memory operable to store user data tables and complementary information; and

a processor operable to receive complementary information for a video program, to receive a query from a consumer, the query related to a specified portion of the complementary information, and to provide a query response to the consumer based on the specified portion of the complementary information; and

wherein the response is prepared based on the complementary information module prediction of the information that is required and with reference to the user data tables for consumer specific data to personalize the query response based on the consumer specific data.

Claim 17 (Original): The system of claim 16, the processor further operable to determine whether a predetermined amount of time has passed since the complementary information was updated in the video program and to retrieve updated information from at least one external data source when the predetermined amount of time has passed since the complementary information was updated.

Claim 18 (Cancelled).